

a single truth—they do not want ObamaCare. Young people don't want it because it increases their costs—making them pay high prices for care they don't need or cannot afford. Patients with chronic illnesses don't want it because it allows a board of bureaucrats to restrict access to life saving treatments if they cost too much. Seniors don't want it because it takes \$575 billion out of the Medicare program and will make it harder for them to find a physician or hospital for treatment when they are sick.

Tomorrow, the Supreme Court will rule on the constitutionality of ObamaCare. Mr. Speaker, we have a lot of work ahead of us but one thing is certain: my former patients do not want ObamaCare in any way, shape, or form.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, because my scheduled flight into Washington was cancelled yesterday afternoon, I was absent from the House Floor during four rollcall votes taken on Tuesday.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcalls 412, 413, and 415, and "no" on rollcall 414.

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' BENEFITS IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I submit the attached June 19, 2012 letter from Chuck Canterbury, National President of the National Fraternal Order of Police, in regards to H.R. 4018, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Improvements Act of 2012.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

Washington, DC, June 19, 2012.

Hon. PATRICK J. LEAHY,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

Hon. LAMAR S. SMITH,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMEN: I am writing this letter on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 4018, the "Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Improvements Act," introduced by Representative Michael G. Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and S. 1696, the Senate companion bill introduced by Chairman Leahy. It is our understanding that both committees have agreed to compromise language and we are pleased to offer our support for this bipartisan, bicameral bill.

The legislation, which has received a neutral score from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), will reduce claims processing delays, reduce administrative costs, and make explicit that beneficiaries of Federal death or disability benefits must offset one award with another. The legislation as crafted and considered by the Judiciary Committees in both chambers is widely supported in the law enforcement and public safety community.

It was distressing in the extreme to learn that further action on the legislation is being deliberately blocked by Senator Thomas A. Coburn, MD (R-OK), who has taken his anti-public safety agenda to new lows by calling for the repeal of the PSOB program or to at least restrict it to Federal officers. The FOP views this not as a politician embracing the principle of federalism, but as a transparently cynical and cowardly ploy to place even greater strain between law enforcement and other public safety officers that serve on the local and State level and their colleagues employed by the Federal government. When a police officer puts himself in harm's way, he does not stop to think about jurisdiction. He does not ask the offender if he is committing a local, State or Federal crime. He acts in the best interest of the safety of those he has sworn to protect. A family that loses a loved one in the line of duty should not just be left adrift, their sacrifice ignored because their loved one was a local firefighter or State Trooper and not a Federal agent.

Since Senator Coburn was sworn in as a U.S. Senator, seventeen police officers have been killed in the line of duty in Oklahoma. Seventeen families lost a son, father or brother, and I am sure some or all of these families relied on the PSOB program to help them through the financial hardships they faced after the loss of their loved one. Senator Coburn would punish the families of the fallen—the heroes who put their life on the line and paid the ultimate price.

I know both of you reject Senator Coburn's call for the repeal of the PSOB program, and I commend you both of your constant support of the program and of the rank-and-file officers that protect our homes and neighborhoods. The legislation will improve the ability of the PSOB Office to process death and disability claims more swiftly and efficiently, providing the families of our fallen with the help they need. On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you both for your dedication and outstanding leadership on this issue. If I can be of any further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

CHUCK CANTEBURY,
National President.

HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL OF FORT ROSS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bicentennial of the establishment of

the Russian colony at Fort Ross. Founded in September 1812 by Russian explorers, Fort Ross was the southernmost Russian settlement in North America and the first European settlement in Sonoma County. After the fort's assets were sold to John Sutter in 1841, Fort Ross became a shipping hub and tourist destination and in 1909 it was established as one of California's first State Historic Parks.

This year we commemorate the natural, cultural, and human history of Fort Ross, which has been influenced by diverse groups of people, including Russians, Kashaya, Pomo, and Miwok Natives, Spaniards, Mexicans, and Americans. These diverse groups, who settled at Fort Ross or lived in the surrounding area, made important contributions to early California history: they built California's first ships and windmills, introduced glass-paneled windows, created the first brickyard, and catalogued the local plant and animal life. At Fort Ross, Native people of various tribes lived, hunted, and labored alongside the Russian colonists; many learned Russian and intermarried with both Russians and Natives of other tribes. The story of the people of Fort Ross is unique, and it serves as an excellent example of the best that California and Sonoma County have to offer the world: a rich history, diverse cultural legacy, beautiful nature, and dedicated people.

Today, Fort Ross is a National Historic Landmark visited by 150,000 people each year. It also still serves as an important connection between Sonoma County and Russia. In 2010, California State Parks signed an agreement with Russia's Renova Group, creating a public-private partnership to provide financial support for Fort Ross. The Fort Ross Renova Foundation continues to provide support for maintenance, educational programs, cultural events, and other initiatives for the enhancement of Fort Ross.

Mr. Speaker, Fort Ross is an important cultural and historical landmark celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of its founding. Please join me in honoring the bicentennial of the establishment of Fort Ross.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GARY C. SAIN

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute today to a good friend and national leader for tourism, Mr. Gary C. Sain. Gary passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 4th after addressing a dinner event in support of the Central Florida Boys and Girls Club, which was one of his community efforts, where he provided vital leadership in support of our youth. I was at that event and spoke to Gary as he shared his excitement about Central Florida

being the leading national tourist destination. Everyone in our region will testify that we have never had a better champion for tourism in Central Florida.

Gary began his career in the hotel industry and held positions at several of the hotel industry's top brands for more than 40 years. He diversified his career to the cruise industry, serving as marketing director for one of the industry's top brands. As a well-respected marketing expert, Gary then went to work for a top international hospitality marketing agency. In February 2007 Gary was selected to chief executive of Visit Orlando.

As the leader of the organization that markets and sells the Orlando area as the number one family leisure destination in the world, and one of the top meetings and convention destinations in America, Gary is credited with Orlando reaching a record 51.5 million visitors in 2010, the first U.S. destination to surpass the 50 million visitor milestone. In 2011 Orlando set another record with more than 55 million visitors.

Gary sat on national and international boards of directors including the U.S. Travel Association, Visit Florida, Destination Marketing Association International and Meeting Planners International. He was a resource for members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, providing information on travel issues affecting America domestically and internationally. Gary was a great husband to Pam and the proud father to two lovely daughters, Olivia and Vanessa. He remains with us in spirit, fond memory and appreciation for sharing his friendship.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and memory of Gary C. Sain.

CHAMPIONSHIP EXEMPTION PROTECTION ACT

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support Chairman Tim WALBERG as an original co-sponsor of H.R. 5969 and H.R. 5970. These two pieces of legislation reaffirm the importance of maintaining access to quality, affordable, in-home companionship care.

Last year when the Department of Labor first proposed a rule to change the in home companionship care exemption under the Fair Labor Standards Act, I introduced a preemptive piece of legislation, H.R. 3066, that sought to clarify some issues the Secretary of Labor is seeking to change through regulation.

The Secretary, not surprisingly, did not listen. Her department continues to run roughshod over the will of Members of Congress and what is best for patients that rely on this important service.

When testifying before a Senate panel earlier this Congress, the Secretary admitted that her agency had not consulted with State Medicaid officials on how the proposed regulation would impact them. Independent economic analysis has proven that this regulation will end up driving more people into having to use Medicaid to utilize nursing home care and further exacerbate that budgetary crisis many states are in.

H.R. 5969 preserves the companionship services exemption by clarifying what these

services entail and who specifically the third party employers in this space are. H.R. 5970 reaffirms that the Secretary of Labor shall not finalize her proposed rule, titled "Application of the Fair Labor Standards Act to Domestic Service." I hope she chooses to listen and re-evaluate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker on Tuesday June 26, 2012, I was away from Washington. If I were here, the following is how I would have voted on the votes listed below.

Rollcall 412 (PQ on H.R. 5972 and H.R. 5973)—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 413 (H. Res. 697—Rule for H.R. 5972 and H.R. 5973)—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 414 (Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4348—Mr. HOYER)—I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall 415 (Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4348—Ms. BLACK)—I would have voted "no."

H.R. 5972—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2013:

Rollcall 416 (Connolly Amendment)—I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall 417 (McClintock Amendment)—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 418 (Garrett Amendment)—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 419 (Capps Amendment)—I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall 420 (Gosar Amendment)—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 421 (Broun Amendment #1)—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 422 (Broun Amendment #2)—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 423 (Broun Amendment #3)—I would have voted "no."

HONORING COLONEL DENNIS L. BEATTY

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievement and career of Colonel Dennis L. Beatty. Beatty is the current Deputy Command Surgeon, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. In this capacity he serves as AMC Command Surgeon in the Surgeon's absence to advise and represent the AMC commander on all aspects of the command's medical service mission. This includes supervising and monitoring the peacetime healthcare at AMC's 12 community-based medical treatment facilities comprised of approximately 6,600 medical personnel who provide health care for more than 429,000 beneficiaries using an operating budget of \$672 million and assets exceeding \$1.3 billion. He also serves as 18th Air Force (AFTRANS) Surgeon.

After serving assignments in Texas, Colonel Beatty was competitively selected for an Air

Force Institute of Technology scholarship in 1992 and was admitted to the Washington University Health Administration Program in 1993. In 1994, he was accepted into the Washington University School of Engineering under a dual degree program in Information Management. He successfully completed masters' degrees in Health Administration and Information Management in June 1995, both with honors.

Upon graduation, Colonel Beatty was selected for assignment to the 375th Medical Group at Scott AFB, Ill., as the Resource Management Flight Commander. He was assigned to the Medical Manpower Division, Directorate of Programs and Resources, Office of the Surgeon General, Bolling AFB, D.C. from June 1997 to July 2001. Colonel Beatty served as commander of the 45th Medical Support Squadron from July 2001 to July 2003. In July 2003, he assumed command of the 42nd Medical Support Squadron at Maxwell AFB, Ala. In July 2005, Colonel Beatty became Chief of the Medical Programming Division, Directorate of Plans and Programs, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General. Colonel Beatty became the commander of the 6th Medical Group on 3 July 2008. From Dec. 2009 to June 2010 he was deployed as the Deputy Group Commander of the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

Colonel Beatty was the previous commander (CEO) of the new clinic at MacDill Air Force Base (6th Medical Group) from 2008–2011. In his current position at Air Mobility Command headquarters in Tampa, FL, he continues to oversee medical operations at MacDill as well as all other Air Mobility Command hospitals and clinics at Travis AFB, CA; Scott AFB, IL; McGuire AFB, NJ as well as others.

The Tampa community and MacDill Air Force Base are proud to recognize Colonel Beatty for his outstanding career and his many significant contributions to the Air Force and our country. His determination and hard work have made him an inspirational leader within our nation's Armed Services. I ask that you and all Americans recognize such a remarkable patriot for his service to his country.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments and valor of the Montford Point Marines as they are awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the United States Congress. During an era when African-American men faced racism and Jim Crow segregation, these Marines left home to defend the United States during World War II.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an executive order barring government agencies from denying employment in defense efforts based on race, creed, color or national origin. The military was required to recruit and enlist African-Americans and a year later, recruitment began for African-American Marines who would train at Montford Point.